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GAMBIT

TO LEARN
THE **SECRET**
OF THE
SHATTERING

THE
RAGIN' CAJUN
FACES **SABRETOOTH!**

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A Tale of
GAMBIT

DESTINED TO REPEAT IT

Mark Powers
Keeps 'em Guessing

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Hasn't Got a Clue

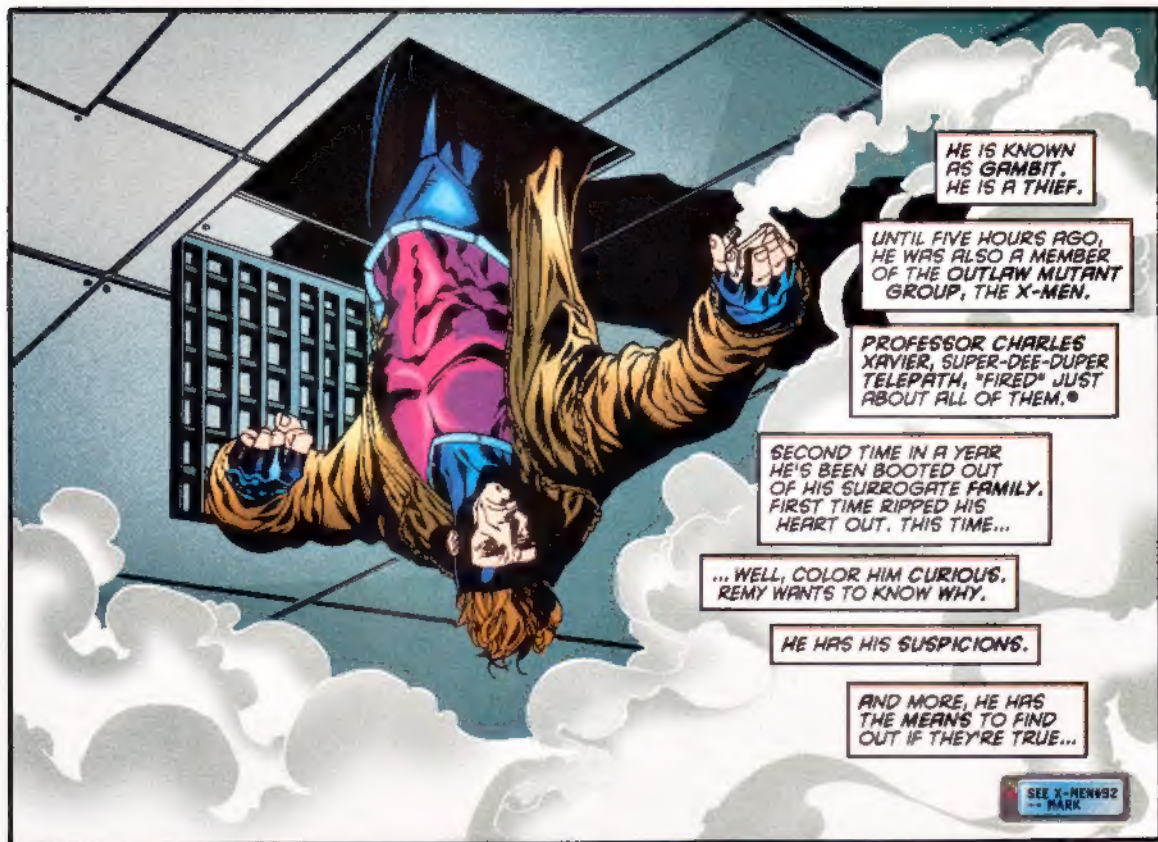
A STORY OF THE SHATTERING

REMY LeBEAU THINKS:
THIS IS FOR EVERYONE
WHO'S EVER CALLED
ME "SPINELESS."

HE COULD THINK
OF FIFTY BETTER
REASONS TO TWIST
HIS BODY THIS WAY.

ONLY SIX OF WHICH
WOULD BE LEGAL IN
THE FIFTY STATES.

NOT INCLUDING
THE REASON HE IS
DOING IT NOW...
WHICH, LEGALLY, IS
CALLED BREAKING
AND ENTERING.



HE IS KNOWN
AS GAMBIT.
HE IS A THIEF.

UNTIL FIVE HOURS AGO,
HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER
OF THE OUTLAW MUTANT
GROUP, THE X-MEN.

PROFESSOR CHARLES
XAVIER, SUPER-DEE-DUPER
TELEPATH, "FIRED" JUST
ABOUT ALL OF THEM.●

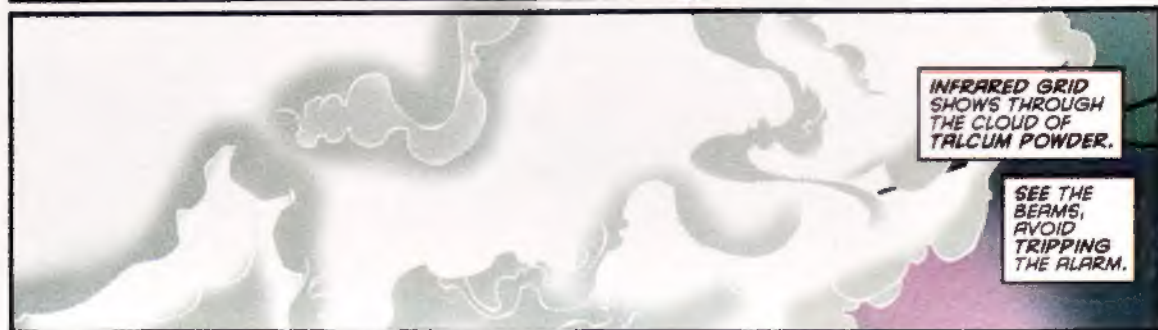
SECOND TIME IN A YEAR
HE'S BEEN BOOTED OUT
OF HIS SURROGATE FAMILY.
FIRST TIME RIPPED HIS
HEART OUT. THIS TIME...

... WELL, COLOR HIM CURIOUS.
REMY WANTS TO KNOW WHY.

HE HAS HIS SUSPICIONS.

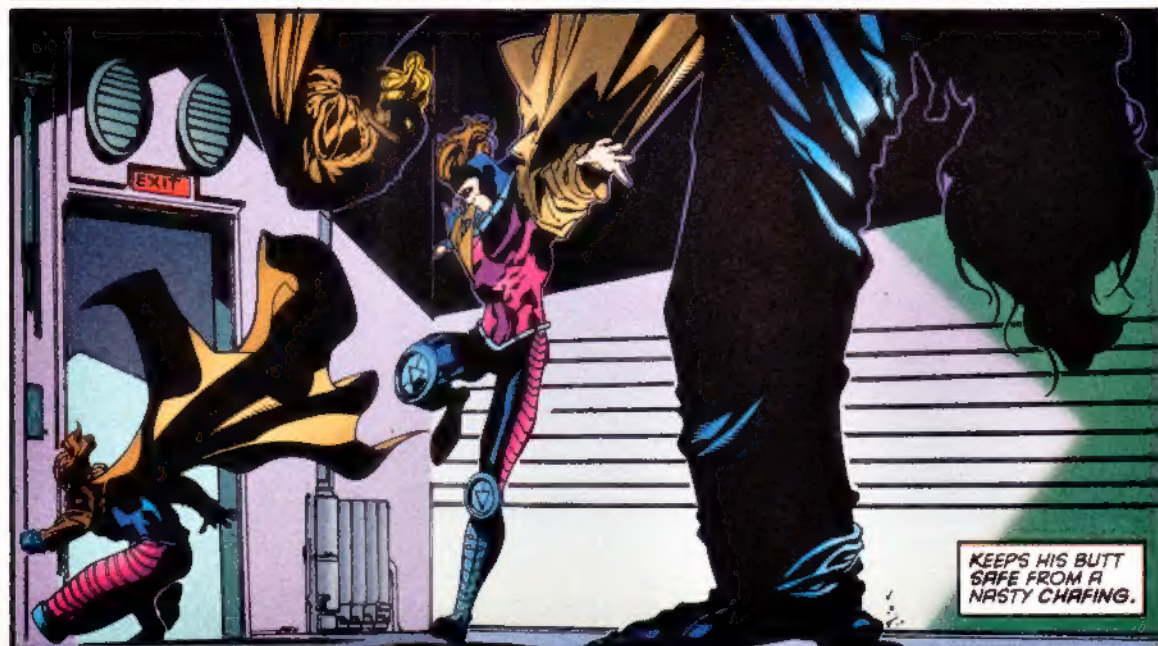
AND MORE, HE HAS
THE MEANS TO FIND
OUT IF THEY'RE TRUE...

SEE X-MEN#92
-- MARK



INFRARED GRID
SHOWS THROUGH
THE CLOUD OF
TALCUM POWDER.

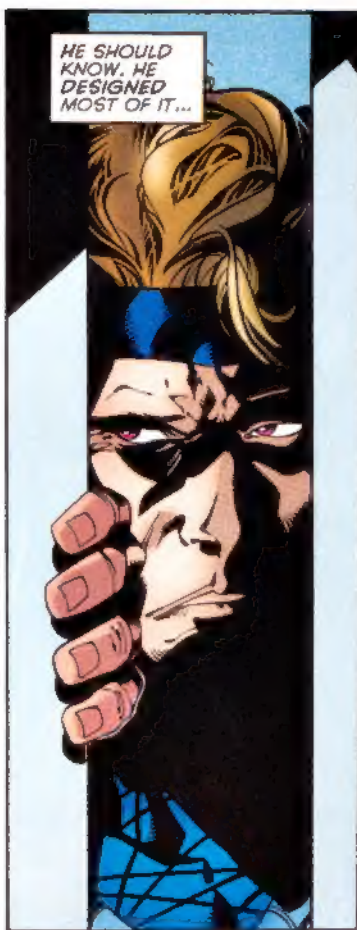
SEE THE
BEAMS,
AVOID
TRIPPING
THE ALARM.



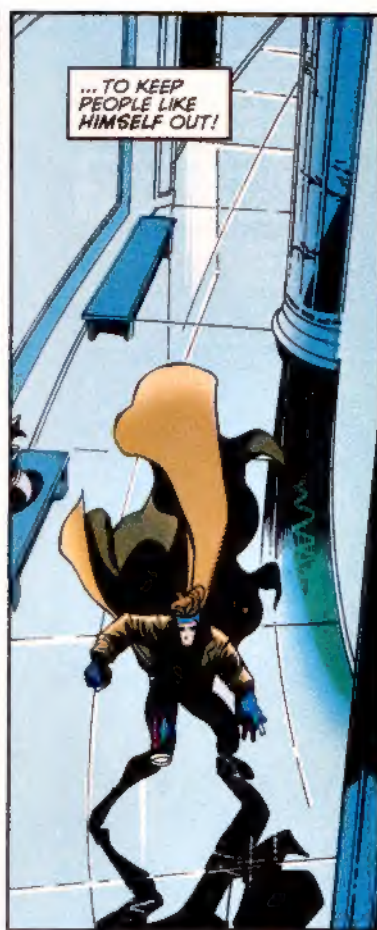
KEEPS HIS BUTT
SAFE FROM A
NASTY CHAFING.



SECURITY IN THIS PLACE IS A "RHYMES WITH WITCH."



HE SHOULD KNOW. HE DESIGNED MOST OF IT...



... TO KEEP PEOPLE LIKE HIMSELF OUT!



WOLVERINE? HE HAS ENHANCED SENSES.

BUT ALL HE SMELLS NOW IS A TRAIL OF XAVIER'S AFTERSHAVE.

WHICH REMY VERY LIBERALLY APPLIED ON HIMSELF.



SCOTT SUMMERS, CYCLOPS, JEAN GREY, PHOENIX. ORIGINAL X-MEN. CHUCKY THE X WITH THEM. TALKING SHOP. CAN'T HEAR THEM.

BRINGING THE TWO OF THEM BACK TO THE FOLD MEANS SOMETHING BIG IS UP. BUT WHAT? AND WHY COULDN'T CHUCK TRUST THE OTHERS?

JEAN IS A PSI, TOO. USUALLY, TRYING TO SCAN REMY'S MIND IS LIKE WADING THROUGH TAR.



HE RELEASES A SLOW BIOKINETIC CHARGE INTO A CARD AND KEEPS IT BY HIS FOREHEAD.

MAKES HIM TOTAL STATIC EVEN TO MIND-READERS AS GOOD AS JEAN AND CHUCK.



HE MAKES IT TO THE ATTIC, WHERE ORORO MUNROE -- STORM -- LIVES.

HE SAW HER LEAVE AN HOUR AGO. DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO.

MADE HIS MOVE, KNOWING SHE HAD LOGGED INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM BEFORE SHE LEFT.



SHE HAD USED SOME OF XAVIER'S PASSWORDS. DUMPED THREE FILES ONTO A DISC.

WHATEVER INFO SHE HAD DOWNLOADED, WAS WHATEVER INFO HE HADN'T GIVEN THE REST OF THEM.

REMY HAD HACKED INTO THE SYSTEMS LOG FROM A CYBER CAFE IN SALEM CENTER.



STORM'S NOT ONE TO FLY WITH A LAPTOP ON HER BACK.

MEANT SHE HAD LEFT THE DATA BEHIND. HE ROLLED THE DICE. CAME UP SEVENS. LEAVES LIKE A MYSTERY.

FREON GEL PUMPING THROUGH HIS BODY ARMOR LINING TO MASK HIS THERMAL SIGNATURE.



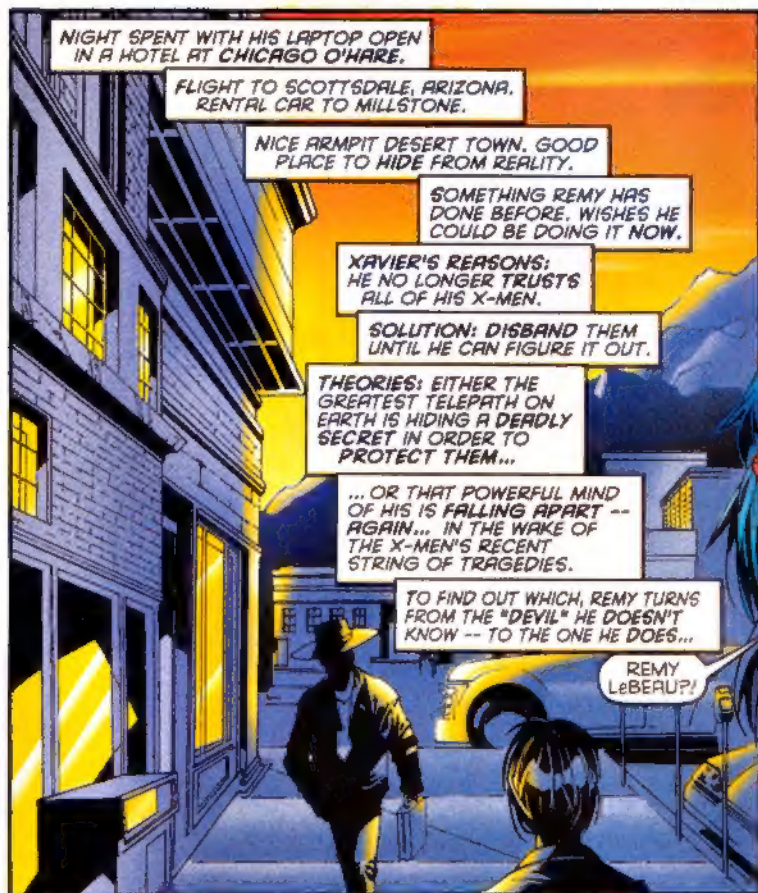
IONIZED FERROUS DUST. STATIC BLIPS THE PERIMETER VIDEO CAMERAS. NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT. LITERALLY.



HASTA LA VISTA, X-MEN. OR WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM.



HE GOT WHAT HE WANTED. AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S AFRAID OF...



NIGHT SPENT WITH HIS LAPTOP OPEN
IN A HOTEL AT CHICAGO O'HARE.

FLIGHT TO SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA.
RENTAL CAR TO MILLSTONE.

NICE ARMPIT DESERT TOWN. GOOD
PLACE TO HIDE FROM REALITY.

SOMETHING REMY HAS
DONE BEFORE. WISHES HE
COULD BE DOING IT NOW.

XAVIER'S REASONS:
HE NO LONGER TRUSTS
ALL OF HIS X-MEN.

SOLUTION: DISBAND THEM
UNTIL HE CAN FIGURE IT OUT.

THEORIES: EITHER THE
GREATEST TELEPATH ON
EARTH IS HIDING A DEADLY
SECRET IN ORDER TO
PROTECT THEM...

... OR THAT POWERFUL MIND
OF HIS IS FALLING APART --
AGAIN... IN THE WAKE OF
THE X-MEN'S RECENT
STRING OF TRAGEDIES.

TO FIND OUT WHICH, REMY TURNS
FROM THE "DEVIL" HE DOESN'T
KNOW -- TO THE ONE HE DOES...

REMY
LEBEAU?

CLAIRE
DE LUC.

IT'S
BEEN YEARS!
LOOK AT YOU --
A MAN
NOW!

WAS
A MAN
THEN.

JAILBAIT
IS WHAT YOU
WERE!



LUCKY
Y'NEVER GOT
ARRESTED
THEN.

COFFEE?

STILL
DREAM 'BOUT
TH'TASTE.

YOU
N'ME...
... AN'
GREY
CROW.

KEPT US
UP THROUGH
A LOT OF LONG
NIGHTS.

SEEN
HIM MUCH
LATELY?

NO.



THEY TALKED FOR A FEW HOURS. WENT DANCING AT DINGHY BOB'S CRAB SHACK. IN THE DESERT, GO FIGURE.

WALKED HER HOME. CHEEK-KISS GOOD NIGHT. BOTH THOUGHT ABOUT MORE.

COOL THAT CLAIRE LIED TO HIM ABOUT GREY CROW. UNDERSTANDABLE, BASED ON THEIR HISTORY.

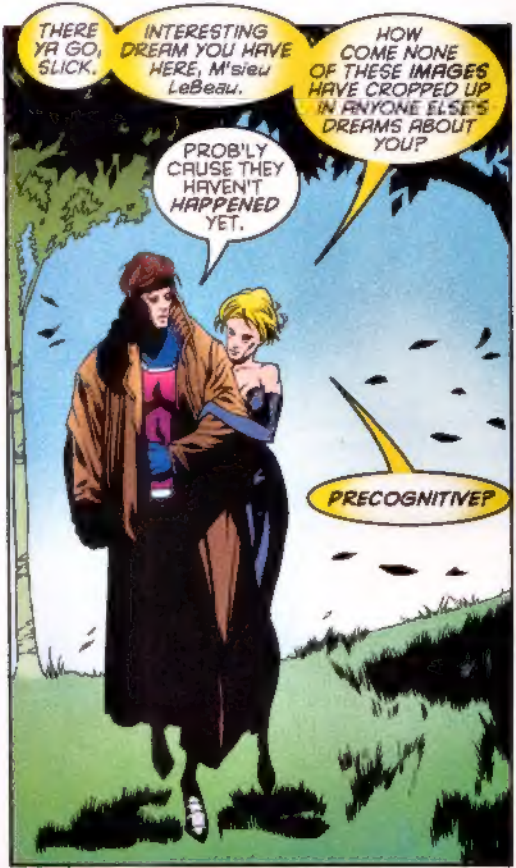
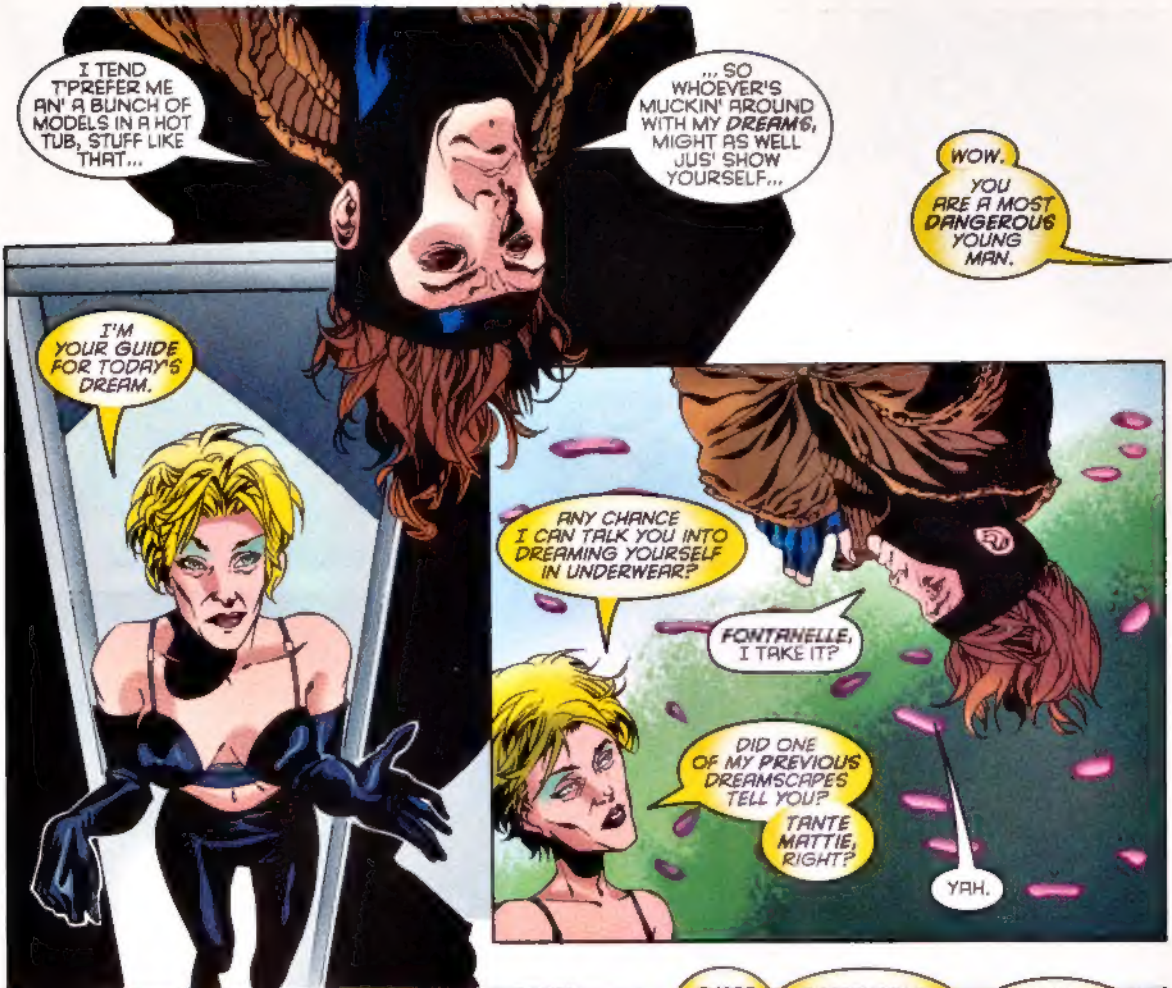
REMY FIGURES SHE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH G.C. THE SECOND HE LEFT.

HE'LL COME, BUT IT GIVES REMY TIME FOR A FEW HOURS SLEEP.

WHICH HE'S REGRETTING ALREADY...

WELL, THIS IS GON' BE AN INTERESTIN' DREAM.







MORE COMPLICATED'N THAT.

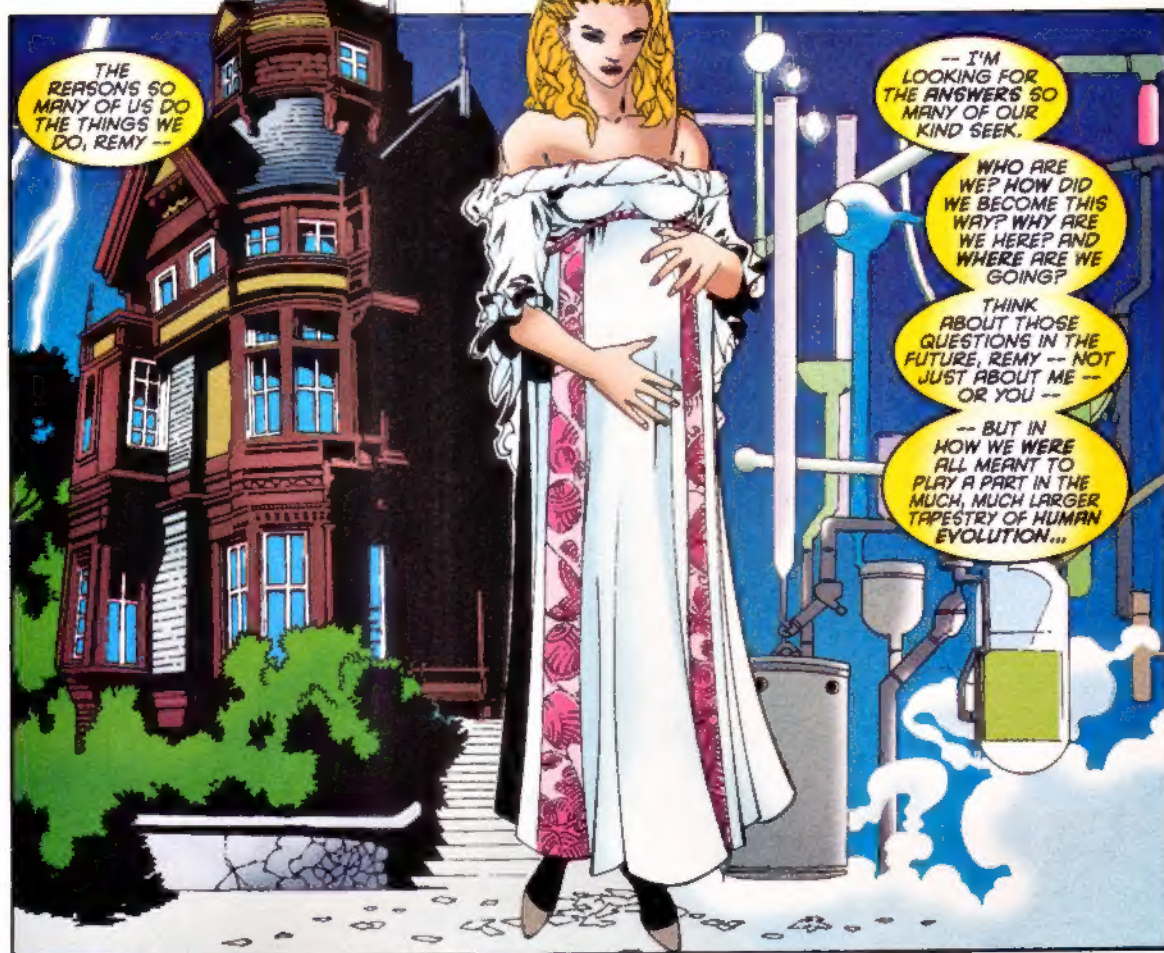
WHY D'YOU WANT T'FIND OUT ABOUT ME?

TWO DIFFERENT ANSWERS NOW, CUTIE-PIE.

NEW SON PAYS THE CHECKS, 'CAUSE YOU'RE A WILD CARD IN HIS PLANS.

BUT LET'S JUST SAY I'VE STARTED TO HAVE MORE... PERSONAL REASONS FOR DOING THIS.

AN' WHAT WOULD THEY BE?



THE REASONS SO MANY OF US DO THE THINGS WE DO, REMY --

-- I'M LOOKING FOR THE ANSWERS SO MANY OF OUR KIND SEEK.

WHO ARE WE? HOW DID WE BECOME THIS WAY? WHY ARE WE HERE? AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

THINK ABOUT THOSE QUESTIONS IN THE FUTURE, REMY -- NOT JUST ABOUT ME -- OR YOU --

-- BUT IN HOW WE WERE ALL MEANT TO PLAY A PART IN THE MUCH, MUCH LARGER TAPESTRY OF HUMAN EVOLUTION...



PHATTTT

HM. MODELS N'HOT GOT NOTHIN' ON THAT GAL...

A GOOD DREAM, I TAKE IT?



... AND THEN PICTURE YOUR
FLESH AND SOUL AS THE
WHEELS AND CARS.

GO FROM THE
RIDICULOUS TO
THE SUBLIME...

EVERYTHING IS GLASS
AND LIGHT. DELICATE
AND SOOTHING...

... BUT JARRING
AND BLINDING.

SERENITY JACKED
INTO YOUR MIND
AT A MILLION
MILES AN HOUR.

CONFLICT BETWEEN
WHAT THE EYES
SEE AND WHAT
THE HEART FEELS.

THE NEW SON'S HOME?

SHADOWTECHS --
THE NEW SON'S SILENT
ASSISTANTS -- WORK
ON SEVERAL CRYSTALLINE
PLATFORMS ACROSS
THE -- WHAT WORD
WOULD BE ACCURATE? --
CATHEDRAL --?

THANK
YOU FOR
COMING ON
SUCH SHORT
NOTICE,
REMY.

WELL,
WHEN GOD
CALLS, WHO HAS
TIME T'PUT ON
PANTS?

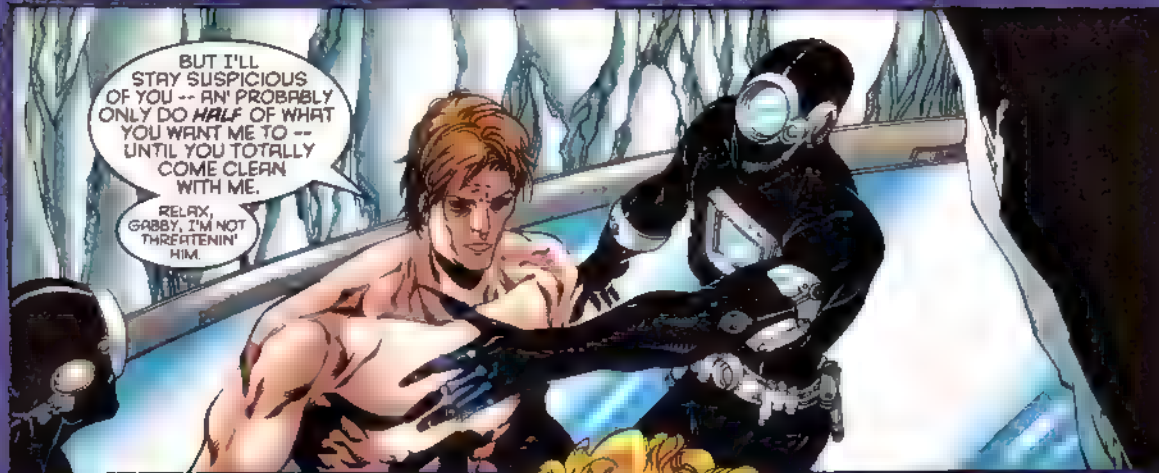
YOUR
HUMOR IS
APPRECIATED, IN
LIGHT OF MY RUDE
MANNERS.

BUT WE
BOTH KNOW
I AM NOT A GOD,
NOR PRETEND
TO BE.

JUST A
MAN -- A MUTANT --
WHO UNDERSTANDS
THE CONCEPTS OF
POSSIBILITIES... AND
PROBABILITIES.

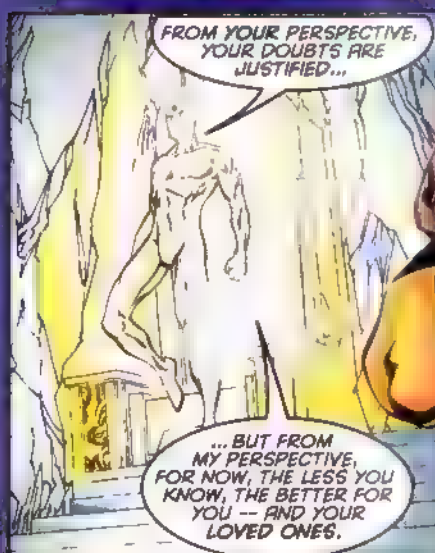
YOU
KNOW, I
AGREED T'HELP
YOU 'CAUSE, WELL, A)
YOU GAVE ME LITTLE
CHOICE SINCE YOU
SAVED MY
LIFE --

-- BUT
MORE B) 'CAUSE
YOU CONVINCED ME
THAT YOU REALLY DO
WANT T'HELP MUTANTS
AND HUMANS LIVE
TOGETHER.



BUT I'LL
STAY SUSPICIOUS
OF YOU -- AN' PROBABLY
ONLY DO HALF OF WHAT
YOU WANT ME TO --
UNTIL YOU TOTALLY
COME CLEAN
WITH ME.

RELAX,
GABBY, I'M NOT
THREATENIN'
HIM.



FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE,
YOUR DOUBTS ARE
JUSTIFIED...

... BUT FROM
MY PERSPECTIVE,
FOR NOW, THE LESS YOU
KNOW, THE BETTER FOR
YOU -- AND YOUR
LOVED ONES.



WRAP
IT IN THAT
SOFT, POLITE
VOICE, BUT IT
STILL SOUNDS
LIKE A
THREAT.



I DID
NOT INTEND IT
AS SUCH. THE THREAT
COMES FROM
OTHERS.

THERE
ARE POINTS OF
CONVERGENCE
IN TIME THAT
SHAPE REALITY
AND DEMAND
ACTION.

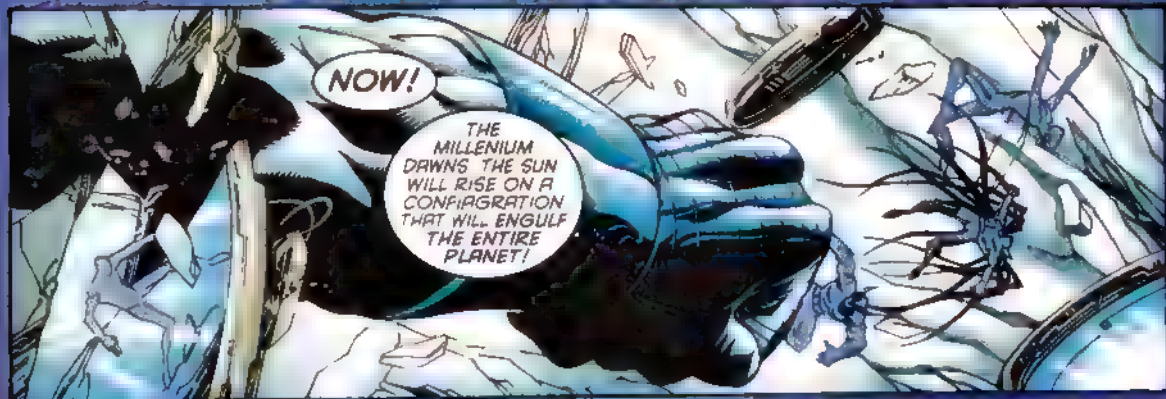
SIMULACRUM OF
JEAN GREY CAN
NOT CONTAIN THE
PHOENIX FROM
RISING WITHIN
HER.

CYCLOPS
SACRIFICES HIS
SON, NATHAN,
TO THE
FUTURE.

THE
M'KRAAN
CRYSTAL
FRACTURES DUE
TO A RENDING
OF TIME.

A NEW
CONVERGENCE
POINT LOOMS
FOR YOU
ALL.

WHEN?



NOW!

THE
MILLENNIUM
DAWNS THE SUN
WILL RISE ON A
CONFLAGRATION
THAT WILL ENGULF
THE ENTIRE
PLANET!



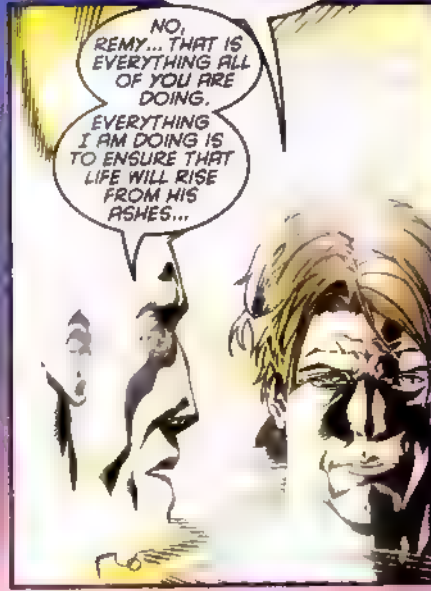
A FIRE
SPARKED BY
ONE MAN -- EN
SABAH NUR -- THE
APOCALYPSE!

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?

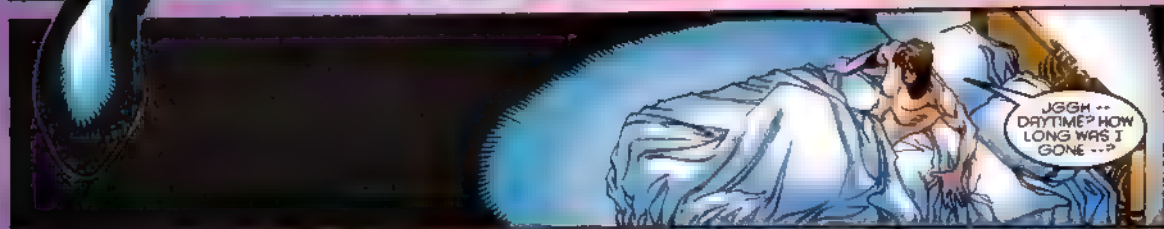


I HAVE
SEEN IT HAPPEN
ELSEWHERE...
EVERYWHERE...

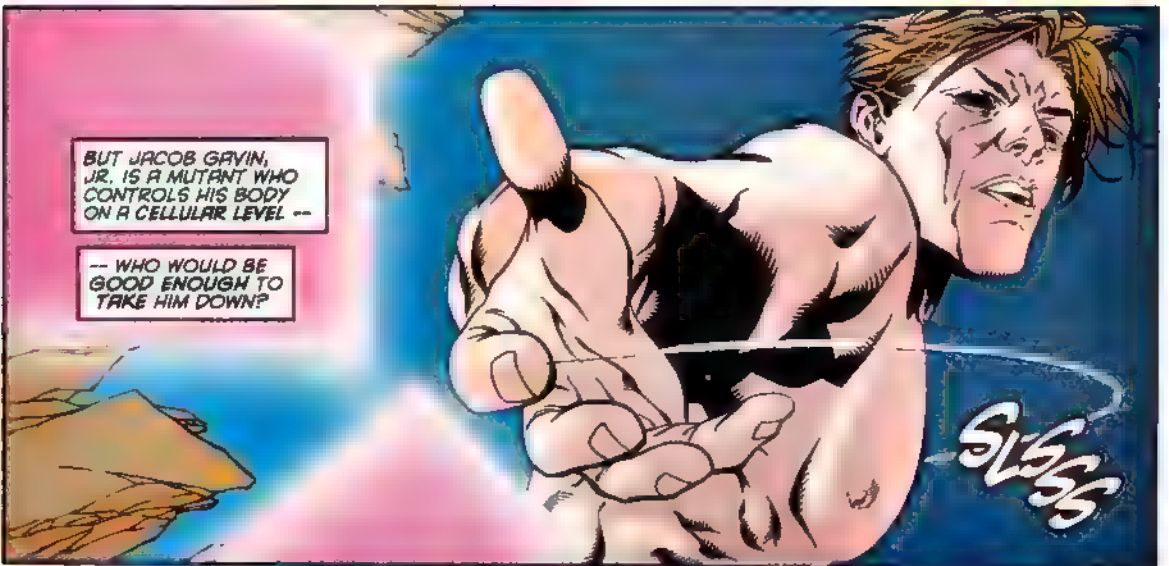
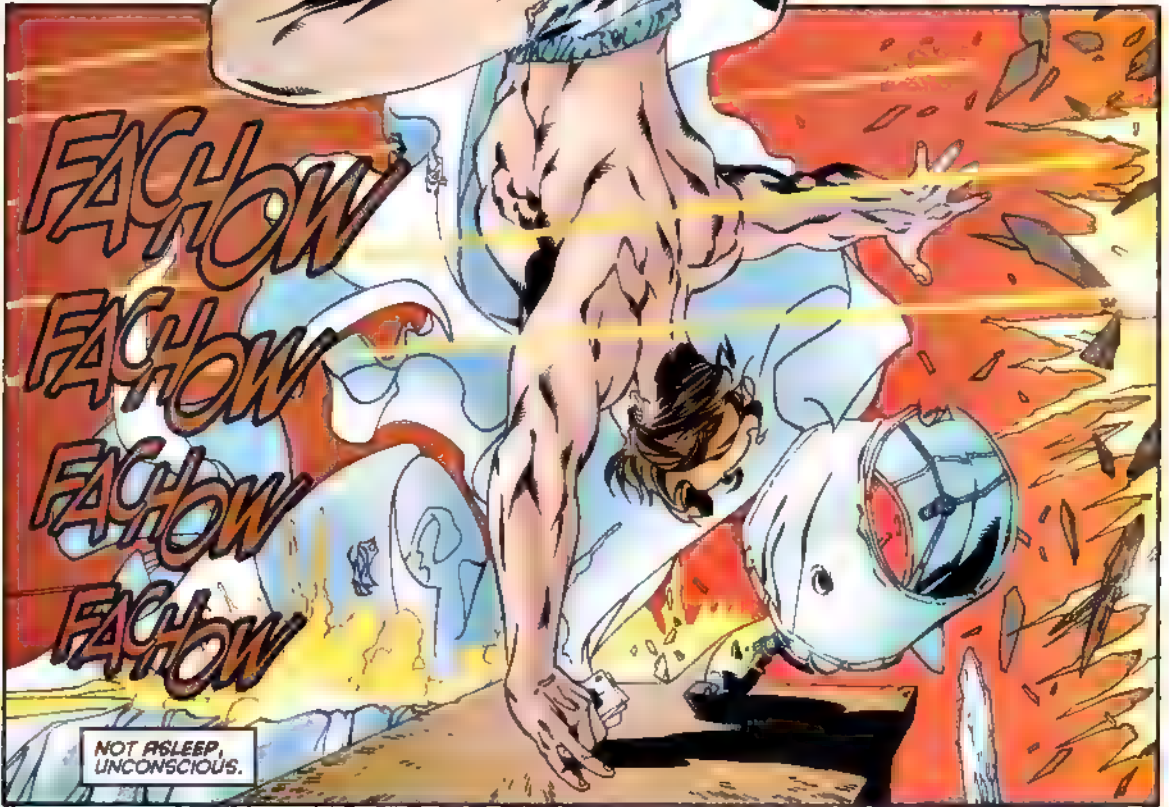
SO WHAT
YOU'RE DOING --
IT'S ALL TO STOP
APOCALYPSE?

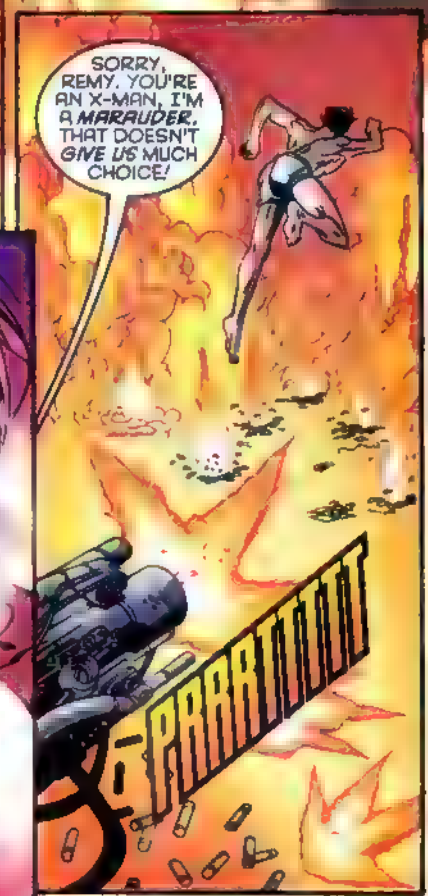
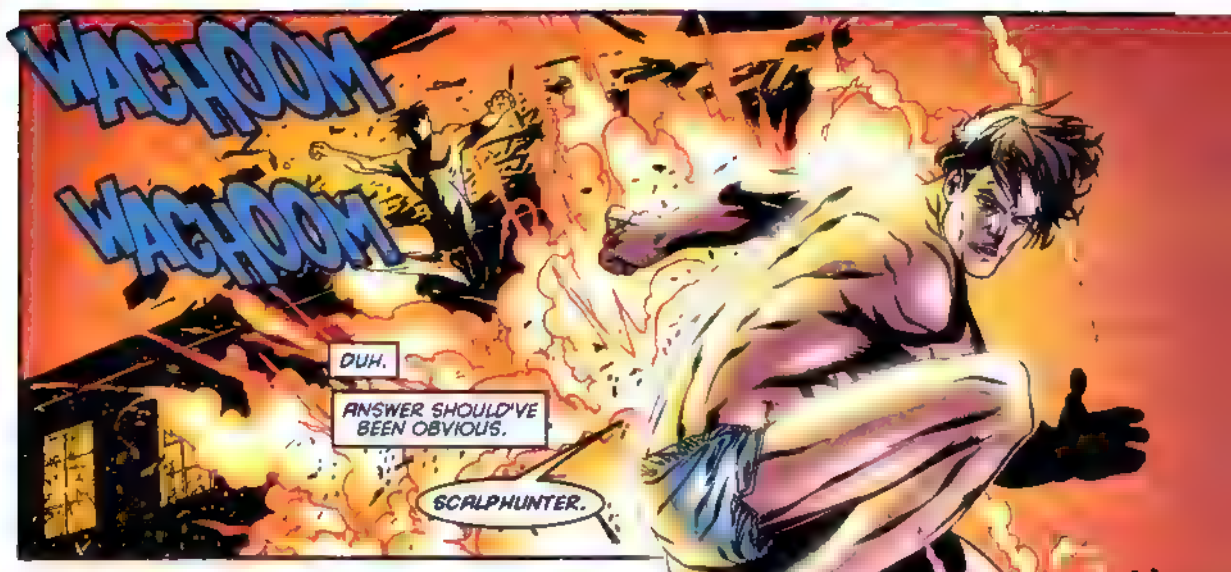


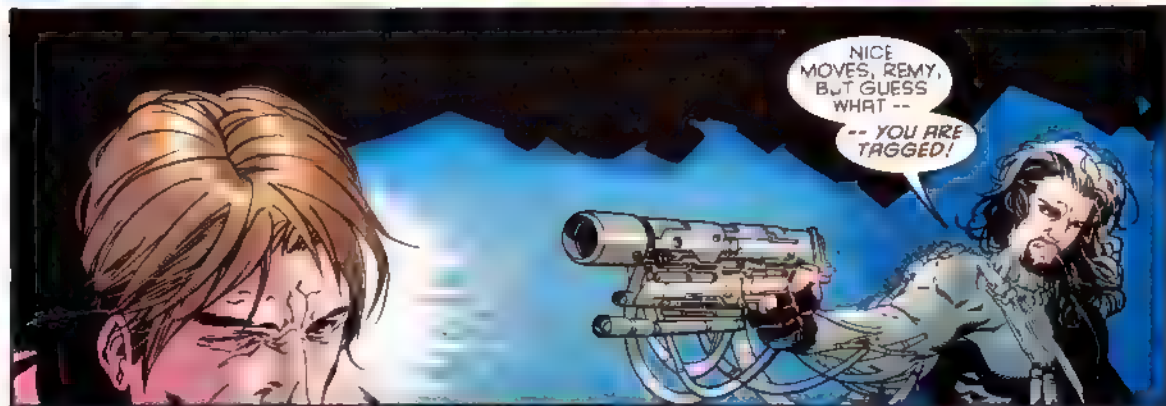
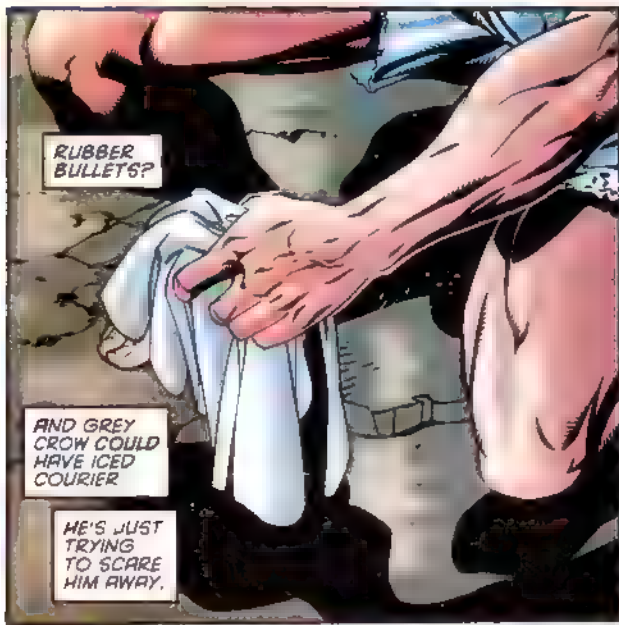
NO,
REMY... THAT IS
EVERYTHING ALL
OF YOU ARE
DOING.
EVERYTHING
I AM DOING IS
TO ENSURE THAT
LIFE WILL RISE
FROM HIS
ASHES...

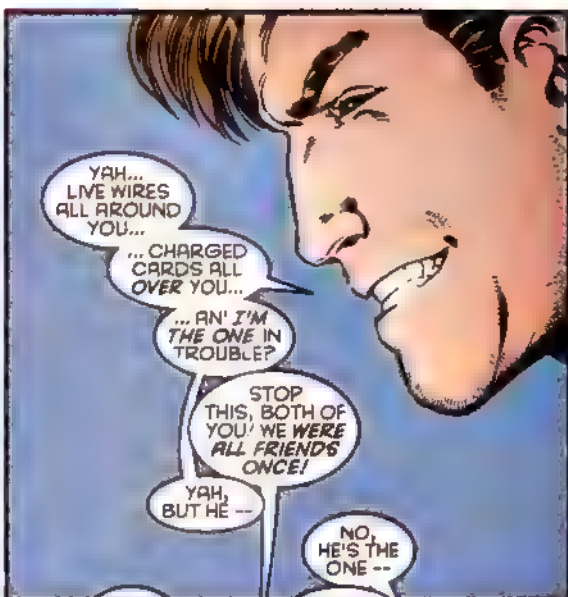


JGGM --
DAYTIME? HOW
LONG WAS I
GONE --?









YAH...
LIVE WIRES
ALL AROUND
YOU...

... CHARGED
CARDS ALL
OVER YOU...

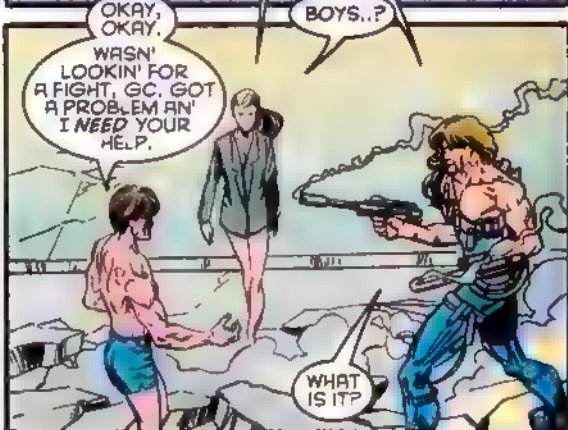
... AN' I'M
THE ONE IN
TROUBLE?

STOP
THIS, BOTH OF
YOU! WE WERE
ALL FRIENDS
ONCE!

YAH,
BUT HE --

NO,
HE'S THE
ONE --

BOYS..?



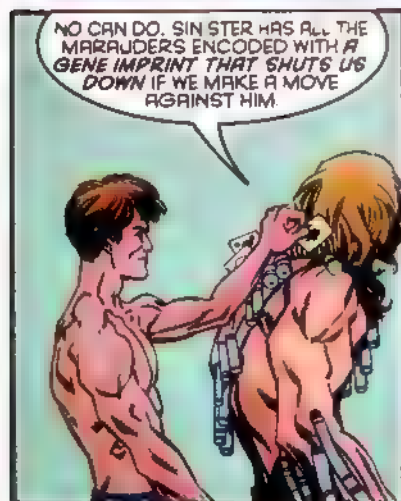
OKAY,
OKAY.
WASN'
LOOKIN' FOR
A FIGHT, GC. GOT
A PROBLEM AN'
I NEED YOUR
HELP.

WHAT
IS IT?

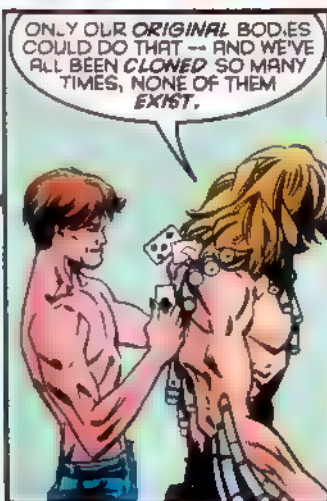


NEED INFO FROM YOUR
BOSS. THE X-MEN BLEW
UP THE ONLY HIDEOUT
WE KNEW HE HAD. @

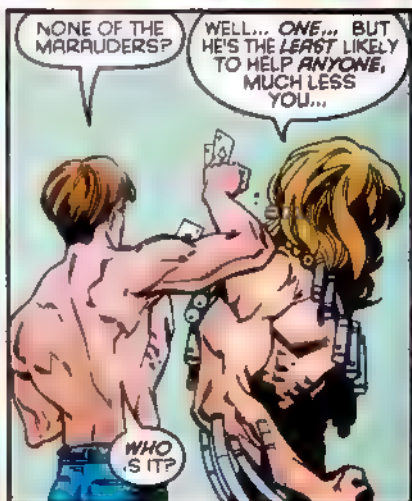
X-MEN
-- MARK



NO CAN DO. SIN STER HAS ALL THE
MARAUDERS ENCODED WITH A
GENE IMPRINT THAT SHUTS US
DOWN IF WE MAKE A MOVE
AGAINST HIM



ONLY OUR ORIGINAL BODIES
COULD DO THAT -- AND WE'VE
ALL BEEN CLONED SO MANY
TIMES, NONE OF THEM
EXIST.



NONE OF THE
MARAUDERS?

WELL... ONE... BUT
HE'S THE LEAST LIKELY
TO HELP ANYONE,
MUCH LESS
YOU...

WHO
IS IT?



NOT THE ANSWER HE WANTED TO HEAR, BUT...

...YOU PLAY THE HAND YOU'RE DEALT.

HE SLAPPED COURIER AWAKE AND SAID, "CALL DADDY. FUEL UP THE CORPORATE JET."

TWELVE HOURS LATER THEY TOUCHED DOWN IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

TWO TRAINS, A BUS, AND A DONKEY RIDE LATER...

...JACOB GAVIN JR. AND REMY LOBEAU WERE ON THE SLOPES OF THE SIERRA DE FANTIMA RANGE IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS.

YOU DIDN'T NEED TO DRAG ME WITH YOU!

AN INTERNATIONAL MESSENGER COMES IN HANDY WHEN YOU'RE GLOBEHOOPING. 'SIDES, NEW SON SAID I COULD HAVE YOU.

HE DOESN'T OWN ME!

NAH, YOU'RE DADDY DOES, RIGHT?

SHUT UP!

NO, YOU SHUT UP.

NO, YOU SHUT UP.



YOU SURE THAT TRACKING SIGNATURE SCALPHINTER GAVE YOU IS RIGHT?

IT MATCHES THE DATA XAVIER HAD ON FILE, BUT A DEAD GIVEAWAY...



... WOULD BE ALL THE HENCHMEN DRESSED UP IN CAT SUITS.



LIKE CATWOMAN HAD IN THE OLD BATMAN SHOW? COOL

YOU WOULD THINK SO. GET READY TO SCREAM LIKE A GIRL

WHY?
COS THEY'RE ABOUT TATTLIN'

AYEE

GLS

GLS

GLS

WACHOOM



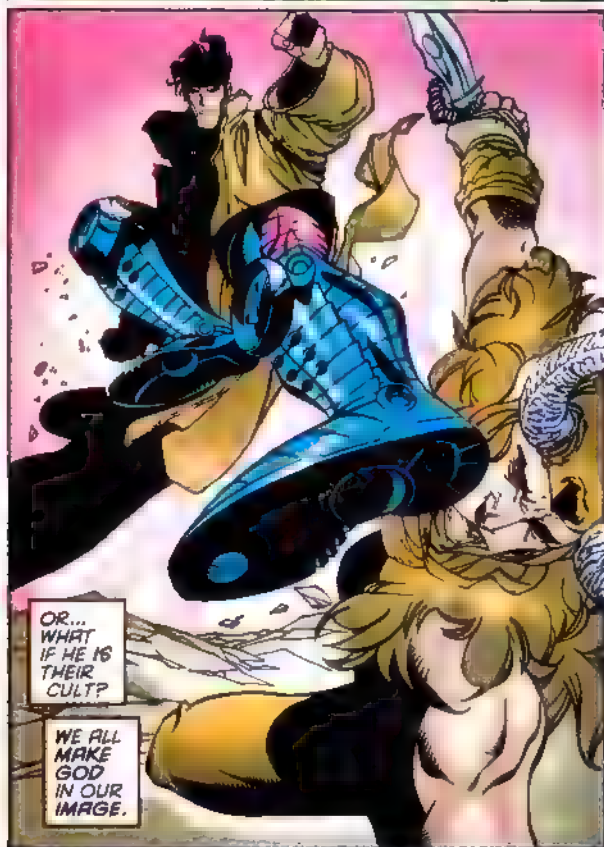


NOT LIKE HIM
TO HAVE HELP,
REMY THINKS.



AND THEY'RE
NATIVES.

ALMOST LOOKS LIKE
A RELIGIOUS GETUP.
PROTECTING HIM
OR THEIR CULT?

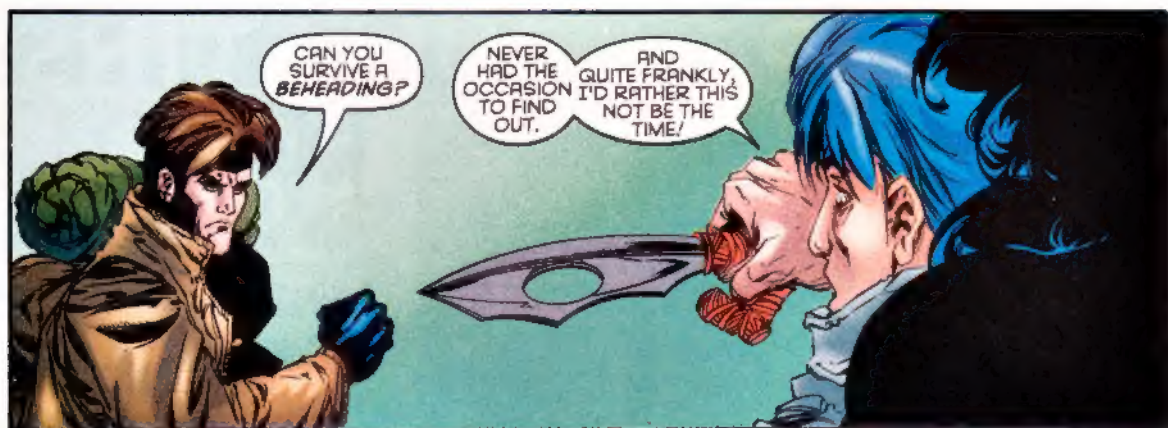


OR...
WHAT
IF HE IS
THEIR
CULT?

WE ALL
MAKE
GOD
IN OUR
IMAGE.



UH... REMY...
IXRAY ON THE
IGHTINGFRAY.



CAN YOU SURVIVE A BEHEADING?

NEVER HAD THE OCCASION TO FIND OUT.

AND QUITE FRANKLY, I'D RATHER THIS NOT BE THE TIME!



RENDICION...

...UH... HABLES CASTELLANOS?



YOU CAN NOT SURRENDER.

IT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE TIGER.



WE DIDN'T COME TO FIGHT.

YOU COME TO HELP THE GOD OF THE HUNT?

SAY YES!

YES.



HE IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP.

HIS HUNT ON EARTH HAS NEARLY COME TO ITS END.

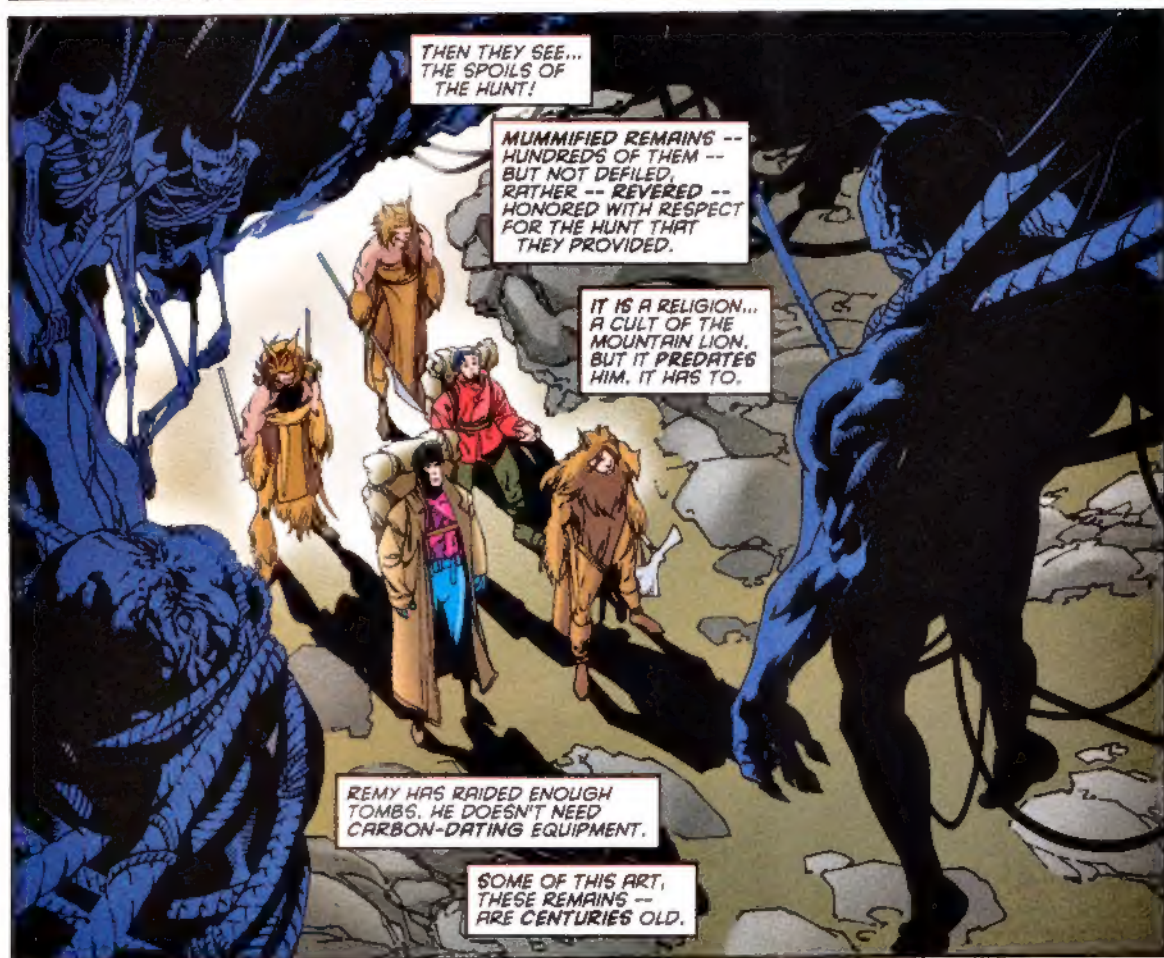


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THEY HIKE TWO
MORE MILES.

IT MIGHT BE
THE LONGEST
STRETCH OF
TIME COURIER
HAS EVER GONE
WITHOUT OPENING
UP HIS MOUTH.



THEN THEY SEE...
THE SPOILS OF
THE HUNT!

MUMMIFIED REMAINS --
HUNDREDS OF THEM --
BUT NOT DEFILED,
RATHER -- REVERED --
HONORED WITH RESPECT
FOR THE HUNT THAT
THEY PROVIDED.

IT IS A RELIGION...
A CULT OF THE
MOUNTAIN LION.
BUT IT PREDATES
HIM. IT HAS TO.

REMY HAS RAIDED ENOUGH
TOMBS. HE DOESN'T NEED
CARBON-DATING EQUIPMENT.

SOME OF THIS ART,
THESE REMAINS --
ARE CENTURIES OLD.



HE IS
THERE, BEING
PREPARED FOR
THE KILLING
FIELDS.



THIS
IS THE GUY
YOU WERE SO
SCARED
OF?

NOT SCARED...
RESPECTFUL.



THOUGH IT
DON'T LOOK LIKE
SABRETOOTH
IS GONNA
BE MUCH OF A
THREAT RIGHT
NOW, HUH?

OR
MUCH HELP,
EITHER!

**NEXT: CREED AT DEATH'S DOOR?
WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS TO
SABRETOOTH? AND HOW IS
GAMBIT GOING TO GET HIM TO HELP...
... STORM SINISTER'S CASTLE?!**

DEALER'S CHOICE

Hey Dealer's Choice,

Hey, Gambit vs. Bullseye! I think Dave is right: that would be a great match-up, but he's got his world backwards!!! We all know whose behind is gonna get kicked when those two collide: Bullseye! Now that I've gotten that out of my system, on to my questions/suggestions:

- 1) How old are Gambit and Rogue currently? And when are their birthdays?
- 2) How powerful can one card be when charged with the maximum kinetic energy?
- 3) I definitely have to agree with Kevin about Gambit's costume. Consistency, please.
- 4) How much green would it cost me for GAMBIT #1 today (Shame on me for missing it)?
- 5) Wolverine!!! I'd love to see Remy and Logan go at it, but don't turn either of them into villains. Oh yeah, I almost forgot to compliment you guys on a job well done with GAMBIT, but I'm sure other readers have already done that.

Make Mine MARVEL!

Joe Lester
j3lackfire@yahoo.com

Well, chalk one up for the ragin' Cajun. We've got one vote that says Gambit would take out Bullseye (as if he couldn't!!!). Joe, we're sure he appreciates the vote of confidence. Now let's get to those questions/suggestions:

- 1) Neither their ages nor their birthdays have ever been firmly established. What we do know is that they are in their late teens or early twenties.
- 2) For this answer, we went straight to the author himself, Fabian Nicieza. According to Fabe, every card is charged to its fullest potential. But the largest object Gambit has charged was an anchor of a large ship. But the funniest thing Fabe remembers Gambit changing up was a piece of gum (GAMBIT #1).
- 3) Don't worry, we plan on keeping his costume consistent.
- 4) Not much; in some stores it's still on the racks.
- 5) Very interesting!!!!!! We'll have to look into that one.

To those fab guys at Marvel Comics,

Thanks soooooo much for giving the wonderful Gambit his own series. It is absolutely the best!!!!!! But please, please, stop ripping, shredding, trapping, loosing etc... the ragin' Cajun's trench coat. It really, really suits him. If you lot are really dead set against him having a jacket, just rip it off now! Just think of how much it must be costing Remy to buy a new trench coat every issue (that is if he pays for them!!!!). Other than that, I think this comic is fantastic, cool, the best, etc.... Anyway nuff said.

Until the gorgeous Remy gets boring and Xavier grows a full head of hair, Make Mine Marvel!!!!!!

Caroline Cook
(Address withheld by request)

Well, Caroline, it's tough to keep a jacket from shredding when you're constantly in the mix of things. We're pretty sure Remy is tired of buying new jackets, but hey, if that's the price for saving the world, we don't think he makes a big deal.

Dear Dealer's Choice,

Until recently I've tried to avoid sending any feedback (since you're probably busy enough getting the book out every month without answering mail too), but I couldn't resist. You guys really have a quality comic on your hands here, and I hope you can keep the stories as entertaining as they have been in the first few issues.

I'm not just writing to add another letter to the stack of fan mail, though. Like practically everyone else, I've been wondering what's in the vial Sinister gave Gambit after the Morlock Massacre, and I think I've figured it out: it's a cure to being a mutant. With all of Sinister's genetic experiments, he must have found a way to rid mutants of their powers.

But why would Remy want something like that? He seems to enjoy his powers far too much to get rid of them. The answer, of course, is he would be getting the cure for someone else. That someone would naturally be Rogue.

It would be the perfect setup for a good story. You could have a blast playing up Rogue's confusion over whether or not to accept the one thing she wants most when she finds out where it came from, and what her feelings will be toward Remy after she finds out how he acquired it.

It's got everything: action, drama, and a great excuse for a few high profile guest appearances. Come on, guys, whaddya say?

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Robert, that is a pretty creative solution to the "green vial" dilemma. We don't know if that is the correct one, but it sounds really cool!!! But would Gambit want to be cured of his mutant genes? Would Rogue actually go for a cure to being a mutant? And would Mr. Sinister actually give Gambit something of such value? We're posing some questions to spark your imagination, Rob, not bashing you. The only solution we have is wait to see what Mr. Nicieza comes up with.

Hey Dealer's Choice,

This is the first time I've written to a comic, and hopefully it will be published here in Dealers Choice. Gambit # 6 was too cool and what can I say 'bout the others? I'm probably the first person in Pakistan Lahore to mail you guys to comment on Gambit. In Lahore there's this really neat store where you can pick up any comic to rent for at least 3 weeks. I told them and convinced them to bring in Bishop on the racks when available. I've collected all the Gambit issues so far and the ragin' Cajun is too awesome for words. Keep up the awesome work and Make Mine Marvel. 'Nuff said!

Farhan Omar
Lahore Cantt, Pakistan

Let's give a Marvel shout out to all our fans in Pakistan...um...What up? Farhan, we're glad you're a big fan of Gambit, and it seems of Bishop too. Well, just to let you know, we've seen bits and pieces of the art for BISHOP, and man, is it fresh!!! Trust us, tell that neat store to keep a rack open every month for that comic; they won't regret it. As for Gambit, we've also

seen some of the up and coming stories; boy, do they look good!!! Steve Skroce comes back from his sabbatical with issue #10, and the art is slammin'. The story is equally as good, too. Be sure to check for some "howling" appearances, though!

Dear Dealer's Choice and Fabian Nicieza,

Well, I must say that I'm surprised! This series of yours is actually pretty dang good! I must apologize, though. For a few years now, I've had a grudge against you due to your stint over in the X-MEN a while back. For reasons that I won't go into here, there were a lot of dangling plots left hanging from your days there. But now, in this Gambit book, you're already beginning to tie up a good chunk of them! I am quite pleased. You've already alluded to the Brian Xavier thing (from X-MEN #12 or #13) and you're addressing a whole slew of forgotten Gambit character nuances, and in issue #7, that weird Grey Crow thing from UNCANNY #324 (or something) was brought back to light! Awesome! The thing brought back (please don't let it be Malice, she's dead!!!) in his body from the Arctic—all these things are being utilized. Also, there's that pesky vial from UNCANNY X-MEN #350, and I'd also like to find out if Gambit is the third Summers brother or not. I'm sure that I could come up with more, but those are enough for now.

All in all, the book is coming along very nicely. As for heroes and villains I'd like to see: Sabretooth, for obvious reasons, who is in the next issue. I'd also like to see Mr. Sinister, but not for a while. Maybe have him appear in #25 or so. If you can, try to keep the other X-Men out of the book for a while. Gambit as a character is interesting enough; please don't smother him. And ditch the Rogue story; it's been pretty stale for a good long while now.

Try to take these comments to heart. I have a newfound respect for you, Mr. Nicieza; thanks for all the cool stories. Keep up the good work!

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Daron, we're happy you have a newfound respect for Fabe, 'cause we don't really want you hating anyone (especially him). But FYI, Fabe will be tying up some of the dangling plot lines left over from X-books concerning Gambit. He'll be dealing with what was in the vial Sinister gave Gambit and in this issue he let you know what was going on with Grey Crow. But as for the third Summers brother, who knows if that'll ever come to fruition? Be sure to check out the secret to "green mist lady" in the GAMBIT ANNUAL, on sale this month. By the way, what do you mean by the Rogue story? That lady is the love of his life; how can you expect Gambit to give it up?

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